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SUBJECT: ITALY: COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT AND SCHMIDT  
STATEMENT

REF: ROME 11583

1. LESLIE GELB OF THE NEW YORK TIMES IN A JULY 17  
ARTICLE ON THE "INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING TO BAR FUTURE LOANS  
IF COMMUNISTS HOLD CABINET POSTS IN ANY NEW ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT" SAYS THAT WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY  
JOHN G. CARLSON SAID, "I WOULD HAVE NO QUARREL WITH WHAT  
THE CHANCELLOR (SCHMIDT) SAID." ELSEWHERE IN  
THE ARTICLE GELB ASSERTS THAT "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS  
SAID THAT...COMMUNIST PARTY PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT  
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SHORT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CABINET WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE

AN OBSTACLE TO FURTHER FINANCIAL AID", AND THIS WOULD  
"CONDONE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS,  
COMMUNISTS, AND OTHERS ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET  
AND ON CERTAIN POLICY MATTERS. IT WOULD ALSO APPARENTLY  
ACCEPT COMMUNISTS IN SUB-CABINET POSTS AND IN POSITIONS OF  
PARLIAMENTARY RESPONSIBILITY SUCH AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS  
AND SPEAKERSHIPS."

2. IN WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, JULY 19,

THE PRESIDENT REITERATED OUR WELL-KNOWN POSITION OPPOSING  
THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
NATO COUNTRIES. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WILL BE  
CARRIED IN JULY 19 WIRELESS FILE.

3. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, AND YOU SHOULD  
CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY COMMENT AT ALL ON  
THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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